

Wilmington man sentenced for 2017 park murder

The man responsible for the 2017 murder of a woman in Kirkwood Park in Wilmington was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Deputy Attorneys General Phillip Casale, Marc Petrucci, and Brian Robertson secured the sentence for Timothy Jones, 41, of Wilmington. In October 2017, Jones stabbed his victim numerous times and wounded himself inside a Porta-Potty in the park on the 600 block of East 11th Street. In the days following the homicide, police found Jones near the park with a freshly bandaged hand. Forensic evidence later helped link Jones to the commission of the murder. Jones pleaded guilty in March 2019 to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. A Superior Court judge sentenced Jones to 30 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release then 18 months of probation. Wilmington Police Detective Mackenzie Kirlin and Wilmington PD's Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions investigated the case, and DOJ social worker Donna Lindsey, paralegal Jaime Prater, and special investigator John Ciritella assisted with the prosecution.

An Earlvile, MD woman who was under the influence of drugs and caused a fatal crash in Middletown last year has pleaded guilty in the traffic death. Michelle Park, 35, entered her plea in Superior Court to Manslaughter, 2 counts of Assault First Degree, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (3rd Offense), and Failure to Use Proper Child Restraint. In March 2018, Park was driving along Bethel Church Road with a 2-year-old child in the car, when she failed to negotiate a curve, crossed the center line, and crashed head-on into another car. Three people in the other vehicle were taken to the hospital, with one of them, 73-year-old Gladys Arcuri of Middletown, dying as a result of the crash a few weeks later. Deputy

Attorneys General William Leonard and Barzilai Axelrod prosecuted the case with the assistance of social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory and paralegal Jaevan Owens. Corporal Joseph Aube of the Delaware State Police was the chief investigating officer. Park will be sentenced by a Superior Court judge in August.